

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A document generation system comprising:

a computer-implemented assembly facility including an XML processor configured to apply precedence and rules to document content to assemble a requested document and configured to be coupled to an origination platform;

wherein precedence involves the XML processor identifying two or more matching document components ~~and automatically~~ and dynamically choosing one of the matching components based on at least one of an identity of a party requesting the document and an identity of an ancestor of the party requesting the document;

a knowledge base stored in computer memory and configured to be coupled to the assembly facility and to store content in a hierarchy; and

a content management system configured to be coupled to the knowledge base and to support authoring of document content and rules.

2. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assembly facility is configured to validate data received from the origination platform.
3. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assembly facility is configured to receive transaction information from the origination platform.
4. – 5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the assembly facility is configured to generate a resolved, markup language file.
7. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the resolved, markup language file is an XML file to which a style sheet may be applied to generate a file in an output format.
8. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assembly facility is configured to operate with an interface to receive information from the origination platform.
9. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the interface is an application programming interface.
10. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base is configured to be loaded by a press process.
11. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base includes a plurality of stored procedures.
12. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base is configured to be loaded by a press process and includes a plurality of stored procedures.
13. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base includes a plurality of object stores.

14. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 13, wherein each object store corresponds to an architecture specified by a schema or a document type definition.

15. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the knowledge base includes a rules object store and a content object store.

16. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claims 13, wherein each object store is configured to be able to contain a link to an object.

17. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 16, wherein each object store is configured to be able to contain a link to an object selected from the group consisting of an external object, a binary object, and a character object.

18. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 17, wherein each binary and character object is composed of XML text fragments.

19. – 45. (Canceled)

46. (New) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two or more matching document components each have a precedence level, and wherein the precedence level of each matching document component is determined according to the depth of the matching document component in a hierarchical structure.

47. (New) A document generation system as claimed in claim 46, wherein the XML processor is configured to choose one of the matching document components based on the precedence level of the matching document components.